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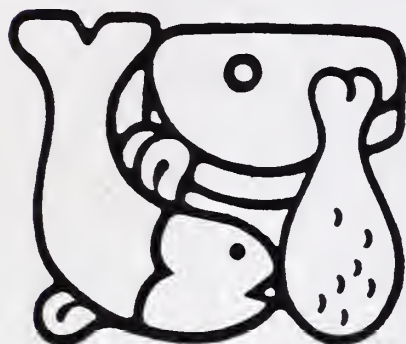
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Facts About the Child Care Food Program

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The Child Care Food Program (CCFP) provides nutritious meals to children enrolled in child care centers or day care homes throughout the country. It also introduces young children to many different types of foods and helps teach them good eating habits.

Who Can Participate

The Program is limited to public and private nonprofit organizations providing licensed or approved nonresidential day care services. Such organizations include, but are not limited to, day care centers, outside-school-hours care centers, day care homes, and institutions providing day care services for handicapped children. Also, private for-profit centers may qualify if they receive compensation under Title XX of the Social Security Act for at least 25 percent of the children who are receiving nonresidential day care.



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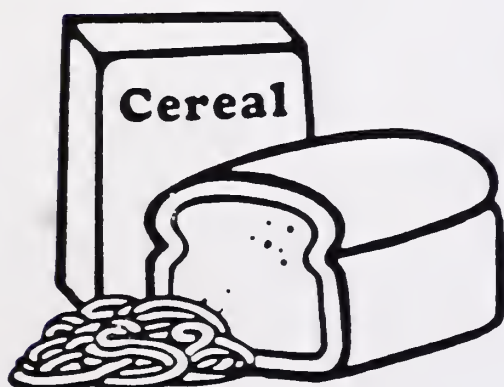
Child care centers and outside-school-hours care centers can operate in the program either independently or under the auspices of a sponsoring organization, which accepts final administrative and financial responsibility for the program. Family day care homes must participate under a sponsoring organization; they cannot enter the CCFP directly.



Children 12 and younger are eligible to participate in the program (except that for children of migrant workers, the age limit is 15 years). Physically or mentally handicapped people can participate regardless of age, if they receive care at a center or home where the majority of the enrollees are 18 or under.

Eligibility Requirements

All private institutions (except for-profit Title XX organizations) must have tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or must have applied to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for it at the time they apply for the Child Care Food Program. If an institution takes part in other Federal programs for which it needs nonprofit status, it already meets this requirement. Family day care homes are not required to be tax exempt but their sponsoring organizations must have tax-exempt status if they are private. Local IRS offices can provide information on how to obtain tax-exempt status.



All institutions, except sponsoring organizations, must have child care licensing or approval. The administering agency can provide information on how to obtain a license or approval.

* WITH NATIONAL AVERAGE PAYMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD: 7/1/87 TO 6/30/88

Meal Service

All participating institutions must serve meals that meet U.S. Department of Agriculture nutritional standards. Institutions may receive reimbursement for up to three meals per child per day. However, one of these meals must be a snack.

Available Assistance

The CCFP provides financial assistance to child care centers and sponsoring organizations of day care homes so that they can provide nutritious meals to the children enrolled for care.

Generally, program payments to child care centers and outside-school-hours care centers are limited to the number of meals served to enrolled children multiplied by the appropriate rates for reimbursement. The rate of payment varies according to the family size and income of children participating in the program. Increased reimbursement is provided for needy children. Some State administering agencies may base reimbursement on the maximum rates or actual costs, whichever is less.

Meals served by day care homes under the CCFP are reimbursed at different rates for each type of meal served that meets program requirements. The sponsoring organization must pass the full food service payment to the home, unless the sponsoring

organization provides part of the home's food service. Day care home providers receive reimbursement for meals served to their own children only when (1) their children meet the family size and income standards for free and reduced-price meals, and are participating in the CCFP, and (2) other nonresident enrolled children are present and participating in the program. Separate administrative funds are provided to sponsoring organizations based on the number of homes they administer.

Civil Rights

The CCFP is available to all eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. If you believe that you have been treated unfairly in receiving food services for any of these reasons, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. More information may be obtained from the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Administering Agency

In most States, the program is administered by the State Department of Education. Where States do not administer the program, Food and Nutrition Service Regional Offices operate it directly. For more details on the CCFP in your State, contact:

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All States Except Alaska and Hawaii

Meals served in centers—per meal payment rates in cents:

Breakfasts:

Paid	13.50
Free	76.25
Reduced	46.25

Lunches and suppers:

Paid	¹ 13.50
Free	¹ 140.50
Reduced	¹ 100.50

Supplements:

Paid	3.50
Free	38.50
Reduced	19.25

Meals served in day care homes—per meal payment rates in cents:

Breakfasts	64.50
Lunches and Suppers	120.50
Supplements	36.00

Administrative reimbursement rates for sponsoring organization of day care homes—per home/per month rates in dollars:

Initial 50 day care homes	\$53
Next 150 day care homes	40
Next 800 day care homes	31
Additional day care homes	28

¹ These rates do not include the value of commodities (or cash-in-lieu of commodities) which institutions receive as additional assistance for each lunch or supper served to children under the program. Notices announcing the value of commodities and cash-in-lieu of commodities are published separately in the Federal Register.